



# *COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA*

## *Department for the Aging*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** November 23, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Holiday Season Activities – Area Agencies on Aging

Do you have a program directed toward aiding seniors in the holiday season? We would like to know about such activities. Contact: [Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov)

**PSA 9 Grandma's Homemade Favorites – Tenth Annual Cookie and Gift Sale**

Adult day care attendees, senior center participants, volunteers and staff are busy baking at the Shadow Lawn Adult Day Care Program at the Warrenton Community Center. All proceeds from the sale of these homemade goodies will benefit the adult day care program. Thousands of cookies will be prepared for the two day sale – December 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> at the community center. Treats for dogs and cats will be available for purchase. For further information, please contact Molly Snurr at 540-347-2797.

**PSA 15 Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging – Angel Tree for Elderly Project**

Spearheaded by Atlantic Bay Mortgage Company, CVAAA and numerous businesses, the Angel Tree for Elderly Project, known as "Home for the Holidays", is underway in Lynchburg, Virginia and environs. Twenty business locations have trees with an elderly angel. On the back of each "Angel" is the elder's Christmas gift "wish". Christmas gifts are to be returned to the Christmas tree location by December 3. For further information, please contact Cheryl Murphy-Anderson, CVAAA, at 434-385-5090.

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Medicare Drug Discount Cards

The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging has launched hotlines so that people can get information on the Medicare drug discount cards in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. The numbers are (800) 582-4218, (800) 582-4259 and (800) 582-4336 respectively.

There is also a hotline in English: (800) 336-2722. Contact: NAPCA (202) 776-0306, [www.napca.org](http://www.napca.org).

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR GENERATIONS UNITED CONFERENCE**

GU's 13th Biennial International Conference, The Intergenerational Current: Across the Life Span and Around the Globe, will be held September 13 -17, 2005 at the Washington Marriott in downtown Washington, DC. The Call for Sessions for GU's 13th International Conference will be available in early November. Check back soon for more information. [Click here for 2003 Conference Highlights](#).

**The Second Intergenerational Action Agenda** sponsored by Generations United (GU) and six co-sponsors – AARP, American Academy of Pediatrics, The Brookdale Foundation Group, Casey Family Programs, Child Welfare League of American and Children's Defense Fund is a result of the second national symposium on grandparents and other relatives raising children on July 7-8, 2004 in Washington, D.C. 28 specific recommendations for action centering on legal options and assistance; financial assistance; affordable housing; health and mental health; respite services; education and special education for the children; outreach and information; data collection and, messaging are schedule to be published by Generations United in November, 2004. For further information, please contact [www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org) or (202) 289-3979.

**Fostering Results**

In June 2003, The Pew Charitable Trusts initiated support for the Children and Family Research Center at the School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign through a grant to the University of Illinois Foundation to launch a public education and outreach campaign called Fostering Results. The campaign highlights the need to address federal financing mechanisms that favor

foster care over other services and options for children and families. The campaign's new report on Subsidized Guardianship is now available at [www.fosteringresults.org](http://www.fosteringresults.org). Go to Reports on the site menu on the left of the page and to "Family Ties: Supporting Children in Safe and Stable Foster Care With Relatives and Other Caregivers."

### **PSA 15 Senior Connections – The Capital Area Agency on Aging**

Senior Connections, the Urban League of Richmond, Social Services and the Richmond Public School system have formed a Kinship Care Coalition. Coalition members are available to aid grandparents and other relative parents. For further information, please contact Gale Davis at 804-3443-3000. The Urban League of Richmond offers the Dream Catchers Tutorial and Cultural Enrichment Program for young people from first through eighth grade. The program is held after school and is designed to assist youth in reaching their educational goals, improve their SOL scores, learn computer skills and enhance their life development skills. For further information, please contact Sharon Vann-Williams at 804-649-8407.

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**PSA 19 Crater District Area Agency on Aging**

Crater District Area Agency on Aging is participating in National Family Caregiver Month by publicizing the National Family Caregiver Program through local newspapers in the PSA 19 service area. The agency is holding an open house at their offices on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Program staff will be available to provide information about community resources and PSA 19 services. The open house will be advertised on a local TV channel. Family caregivers already served by Crater District will be given an emergency kit and a caregiver information packet. For further information, please contact Helen Winn at 804-732-7020.

**Jefferson Area Board on Aging – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant**

PSA 10, Jefferson Area Board on Aging, has received a \$150,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop plans for improving long-term care and supportive services for at-risk older adults. The grant was presented to the Long Term Care Partners Acting Together for Health (LTC PATH) project, a partnership that includes the Jefferson Area Board on Aging, the Legal Aid Justice Center, Piedmont Housing Alliance, and the University of Virginia Health System.

Awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its Community Partnerships for Older Adults (CPOA) national program, the LTC PATH for the next 18 months will work on two primary goals: 1) improving care and support of seniors when they

transition to assisted living facilities, and 2) increasing community-based support for family caregivers and dependent seniors.

Paul Takayanagi, formerly community relations and marketing representative at JABA, is the LTC PATH project director. The Community Partnerships for Older Adults Program focuses on older Americans who are at increased risk of disability because of poverty, race or ethnicity, chronic illness, or advanced age; and older adults, who because of physical or cognitive impairments, require long-term care and supportive services. CPOA is based at the University of Southern Maine's Muskie School of Public Service. The Duke University Long Term Care Resources Program provides technical assistance for the program.

The official press release for the JABA grant is attached to this emailing. For further information contact Paul Takayanagi, 434-817-5267, or [ptaka@jabacares.org](mailto:ptaka@jabacares.org).

### **Caregiver's Community Network**

The Caregiver's Community Network (CCN) is a regional program to provide services, companionship, and support for those who care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or memory loss and frail elders. CCN is made possible through a partnership with James Madison University, the Central and Western Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. CNN is a Faith in Action program, which draws on the support of various interfaith groups across the Augusta, Page, Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties. For further information, please contact CNN at 540-568-6682

## ***Jefferson Area Board for Aging***

### **NEWS RELEASE**

**SUBJECT: JABA IS AWARDED PLANNING GRANT**

**FROM: Bea Mook (434-817-5243)**

**DATE: November 12, 2004**

### **FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT**

JABA has received a \$150,000 grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop plans for improving long-term care and supportive services for at-risk older adults in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District.

The grant was presented to the Long Term Care Partners Acting Together for Health (LTC PATH) project, a partnership that includes the Jefferson Area Board for Aging, the Legal Aid Justice Center, Piedmont Housing Alliance, and the University of Virginia Health System.

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JABA's project was one of 11 selected from a field of 486 applicants to receive the planning grants. The Rappahannock-Rapidan Area Agency on Aging in Culpeper also received a grant. "With the grants being made to adjoining communities, together we can make Central Virginia a model age-friendly community," said Gordon Walker, CEO of JABA. "This grant will be used exclusively to determine the long-term care needs in our community and help us to better coordinate the delivery of services."



Paul Takayanagi, formerly community relations and marketing representative at JABA, is the new project director. “Our primary goal is to improve the coordination, quality and accessibility of long term health care and supportive services in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District,” Takayanagi explained. “We’ll also increase collaboration among long-term care providers and others who have a stake in supporting senior health and independence.”

Jane Isaacs Lowe, senior program officer at The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, said of the grant, “There is no quick fix for improving the current long term care system. It takes the coordinated planning and effort of a whole community to change the way long term care is viewed and provided.”

“A national renaissance of community involvement is underway to improve long term care and supportive services systems, and our grantees are at the forefront,” said Elise J. Bolda, national program director. “They understand the importance of taking action, and that communities can develop the solutions to improve the lives of older adults.”

The Community Partnerships for Older Adults program focuses on older Americans who are at increased risk of disability because of poverty, race or ethnicity, chronic illness, or advanced age; and older adults, who because of physical or cognitive impairments, require long term care and supportive services. CPOA is based at the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service. The Duke University Long Term Care Resources Program provides technical assistance for the program.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, N.J., is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grantmaking in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to quality health care at reasonable cost; to improve the quality of care and support for people with chronic health conditions; to promote

healthy communities and lifestyles; and to reduce the personal, social and economic harm caused by substance abuse - tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs.

For more information, contact Paul Takayanagi, 434-817-5267, or [ptaka@jabacares.org](mailto:ptaka@jabacares.org).

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